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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1107 crashes as compared to 1082 crashes in May of 2005. This was an increase of 2.5%. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities decreased by 1 crash. In actual numbers, there were 8 fatal crashes in May 2006 and 9 fatal crashes in May 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 1.4% decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 72 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were 0 fatalities; 13 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 59 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 6.5% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1,344 crash reports and 497 arrest reports during May 2006. This resulted in 7056 crash reports being mailed out, 8.6% more than last year. There were 1078 visitors to the Front Office that required services which was an increase of 64.1% when compared to May 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 26,000 CAD incidents and 30,500 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had a decrease in overall enforcement of 9.9% in May 2006, as compared to May 2005. Total DUI arrests were up 40% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were up 31.7% as compared to May 2005. Occupant restraint violations were up 23.1% over May 2005.

Southern Command personnel have continued to move forward in making our roadways safe in Southern Nevada. We have brought to the forefront our Special Enforcement Team comprising of our highly trained motorcycle officers. These motorcycle officers will focus their efforts in specific areas of the city and engage in quality traffic enforcement with the intent of impacting and reducing traffic incidents in high traffic incident corridors. Through the use of performance management, our Southern Command will measure the effectiveness of the motorcycle officers. The Southern Command commends all their employees and specialized teams who give of themselves daily in the Las Vegas Valley.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	May-06		May-05	% Change		April-06	% Change
Total crashes	1107		1082	2.5%		1206	-8.2%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	830		795	4.4%		918	-9.5%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	269		278	-3.2%		281	-4.2%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	8		9	-11.1%		7	14.2%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	54		57	5.2%		75	-28%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	8		11	-38%		7	13%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3		4	-33%		1	67%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		4	-400%		1	-100%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		2	50%		3	25%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	4		1	-100%		2	-200%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	8		11	-38%		7	13%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	72		73	-1.4%		60	20%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	59		56	5.4%		52	13.5%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	13		17	-23.5%		8	62.5%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0		0	0

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.8%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.5%
- ✱ Total crashes up 2.5% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 1.4% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes reduced 11.1% from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	May 2006		May 2005	% Change		April 2006	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	54		41	31.7%		56	-3.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	154		107	43.9%		163	-5.5%
Other arrests	778		803	-3.1%		973	-20%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	332		326	1.8%		378	-12.1%
Speed violations	3113		2657	17.1%		3438	-9.4%
Hazardous moving violations	1767		1768	.00%		2009	-11.9%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	701		569	23.1%		416	40.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	8852		8222	7.6%		9735	-9%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	154		61	152%		68	126%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	256		64	300%		131	95.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	731		403	81.3%		443	65%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	6		9	-33.3%		0	600%
Total safety violations -- citation	336		111	202%		271	23.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1404		841	66.9%		1140	23.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	93		60	55%		88	5.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	93		45	51.6%		68	36.7%
Total school buses inspected	275		25	1000%		341	19.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	38		4	850%		49	-22.4%
Total trucks weighed	81		322	-74.8%		634	-87.2%
Total overweight citations	70		18	288%		88	-20.4%
Total dyed fuel inspections	502		400	25.5%		474	-5.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	11		3	266%		6	83%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		7		5
Safety Violations Citation	0		8		4
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		31		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1		4		1
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.145%
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 31 years old.
- ★ 7% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance. (pending)
- ★ 6% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is down 9% from last year and up 7.6% from last month.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is up 152% from last year.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections down up 81.3% from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	May-06		May-05	% Change		April-06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	134136		163145	-17.7%		98840	35.7%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	***		333815	***		657438	***
CAD Incidents	26000		25275	2.8%		25495	1.9%
Telephone Calls	30500		36432	16.2%		30474	0.00
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	40		121	66.9%		35	14.2%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1344		1181	13.8%		1263	6.4%
Arrest Reports Processed	497		366	35.8%		374	32.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	19		21	-9.5%		15	26.7%
Vehicle Impound Releases	128		197	-35%		152	-15.8%
Visitors at Counter	1078		657	64.1%		750	43.7%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	7056		6495	8.6%		6543	7.8%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	365		380	-3.9%		264	38.3%
Warrants Entered	411		31	1225.8%		253	62.5%
Warrants Cleared	278		130	113.8%		198	40.4%
Warrants Validated	1244		1449	-14.1%		1595	-22%
Extradition / Transports	12		8	66%		12	100.0%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	89		69	29%		85	4.7%
New Items Submitted	128		176	-27.3%		147	-12.9%
Items Disposed	34		122	-72.1%		57	-40.4%

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 10 Contracts requiring 198.5 work hours, billing \$12,347.00

EVIDENCE

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 95.5% of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 4.5% of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 0% of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0% of case submissions.
- Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- 2 missions flown
- 2 Prisoner transports

COMMENDATIONS

- 2 from public to employee
- 2 from Command to employee

PUBLIC INFORMATION**Nellis Air Force Base Incoming Airman's Briefing**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated on May 16, 2006.

HEAT program: Traffic Safety Classes:

The HEAT program had another successful month with educating the community.

Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and HEAT truck to take to several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety.

HEAT Racing

The HEAT involvement with the Midnight Mayhem series continues to be a hit with all participants. Good community turnouts were received on May 5th and May 19th.

Special Olympics Nevada

On May 5th, 6th and 7th the HEAT program was involved in fund raising at Cops on Doughnut Shops. On the 19th of May, the HEAT program was involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

Public Requests for Information: 245

17 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints
228 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

Press releases: 19